

WCBS-TV Quarterly Issues/Program Report – January 10, 2018

Attached are the listings of broadcast segments and stories that reflect Channel 2's significant programming treatment of ascertained community issues during the preceding three-month period.

Time period of day, day of week, source and format descriptions follow the first appearance of the broadcast name. Date references refer to broadcast days. All times given are approximate.

Programs

CBS 2 News This Morning, CBS 2 News at Noon, CBS 2 News at 5:00, CBS 2 News at 6:00, CBS 2 News at 11:00, CBS 2 News Saturday, CBS 2 News Sunday - Regularly scheduled news broadcasts focusing on current issues and events.

60 Minutes - Regularly scheduled one-hour weekly broadcast featuring in-depth interviews and reports of various lengths and topics. Sunday, 7 - 8 p.m.

Face the Nation - Regularly scheduled half hour news broadcast featuring reports and interviews with government leaders, politicians, and international figures in the news. Sunday, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

48 Hours – Regularly scheduled news broadcast. Saturday, 10 - 11 p.m.

“Health Watch” – features of varying lengths focusing on health related issues, the latest in medical research and treatments, and other health related topics.

“Money Watch” – features of varying lengths focusing on the latest in the economy along with tips and ways to save money.

Public Service Announcements- WCBS-TV continues its tradition of airing and sponsoring PSAs. PSAs in rotation stem from various organizations such as, Project Roadblock – Drunk Driving Campaign, United Way, Teen Suicide Prevention, National Association of Broadcasters, New York State Broadcasters, Jon Bon Jovi Soul Foundation, Partnership for Drug Free Kids, Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation, A Safer City, The Make-A-Wish-Foundation of Metro New York, Food Bank NYC, New York City Department of Transportation Vision Zero, New Alternatives for Children, City Harvest, Texting and Driving, Ad Council.

Health: Topics in this category include: A dozen cases of Legionnaires' disease were confirmed in Flushing, Queens; Five confirmed cases of Legionnaires' disease in the Bronx section of the city; New York State Health Officials warn residents about Lyme disease carrying ticks which remain active until temperatures drop below 40 degrees and two Hepatitis A outbreaks in Westchester County which linked to one another and affected a country club and restaurant.

CBS 2 NEWS THIS MORNING: 10/26 Anchor Mary Calvi reports on a health scare of Hepatitis A at a restaurant in Westchester County. The health department temporarily shut down an eatery in Port Chester after they learned that a restaurant employee worked with the infectious illness from October 12 through October 23. All patrons who visited the restaurant during that time frame were urged to seek preventative treatment immediately. **CBS 2 NEWS AT NOON: 12/6** Anchor Mary Calvi reports on a high number of flu cases this season nationwide. There were seven thousand cases of the flu in November which is more than double from last year. The dominant flu strain can produce severe illness and the vaccine is just 10 percent effective against it but health officials continue to urge everyone to get a flu shot to protect those who do get sick from increasing symptoms and protecting from other flu strains. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00 PM: 10/13** Anchor Maurice DuBois reports on The Teal Pumpkin Project which is a way to show support to food allergy families on Halloween. A teal pumpkin outside a home indicates there is a non-food treat available for their kids. The Teal Pumpkin Project is supported by the non-profit organization Food Allergy Research and Education. 10/24 Anchor Kristine Johnson reports on a Legionnaires' outbreak in downtown Flushing, Queens. New York City's Department of Health has confirmed a dozen cases, patients range in age from 30 to 80. Legionnaires' is a severe form of pneumonia and is spread by water droplets containing Legionella bacteria. 11/3 Anchor Maurice DuBois reports on a Legionnaires' outbreak in the Bronx section of the city. The city's Health Department confirms five people tested positive for the disease at the Hebrew Home; a residential care facility for the elderly. As a result, water restrictions are now in effect at the Hebrew Home. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 11:00 PM: 11/10** Anchor Kristine Johnson reports on a Hepatitis A outbreak at a country club in Westchester County. The health department claimed anyone who ate at the Sleepy Hollow Country Club between October 27 and November 4 may have been exposed to the virus. This outbreak has reportedly been linked to an earlier outbreak at Bar Taco in Port Chester. 11/30 Anchor Maurice DuBois reports on Asbestos removal on the Lower East Side and rising health concerns from residents. Warning signs about Asbestos are posted at a playground in the city run Seward Park Houses on Broome Street. Construction workers in hazmat suits are replacing bricks and removing toxic material. Decontamination tents for the crews have been put up in the playground. Asbestos is linked to cancer and lung disease. **CBS 2 NEWS SUNDAY: 10/22** Anchor Cindy Hsu reports on the concern of ticks in the fall from New York State Health Officials. They are warning residents that disease-carrying ticks might still be active despite the cooler temperatures. Officials recommend taking pre-cautions and to perform checks after one has been outdoors. Ticks can remain active until temperatures drop below 40 degrees.

Lyme-disease causing bacteria are spread by blacklegged ticks which are common around the state of New York.

Government and Politics: Topics in this category include: Governor Cuomo signed a package of legislation aimed at helping veterans includes new license plates for veterans and military; New York's Hurricane Maria Assistance Program will offer undergraduate college enrolled students from Puerto Rico free tuition at NYU for the spring semester; Laura Curran succeeds Ed Mangano as Nassau County Executive and President Trump declared the Opioid Epidemic a National Public Health Emergency and Governor Christie serves as the chair of the president's Opioid Commission.

CBS 2 NEWS THIS MORNING: 11/1 Anchor Mary Calvi reports on the updated tobacco law that now requires consumers to be 21 years of age in order to purchase tobacco products including electronic cigarettes. Governor Christie signed the law in July, citing the strain on the state's health care system caused by tobacco related illnesses. 11/7 Anchor Mary Calvi reports Nassau County will select a new County Executive to replace the outgoing Ed Mangano who is facing corruption charges. Former state senator Jack Martins is the Republican candidate facing Democrat Laura Curran, a Nassau County Legislator. 11/9 Anchor Mary Calvi reports for the first time ever the Federal Government could airlift hurricane survivors from Puerto Rico and relocate them to New York and Florida. The Federal Emergency Management Agency is finalizing plans to find displaced Puerto Ricans homes. They are currently staying in shelters across the island and officials are assessing the need. There is no word on when or how many people would arrive in New York. 11/22 Anchor Chris Wragge reports the Mayoral Advisory Commission on City Art, Monuments, and Markers will hold a public hearing in Manhattan today. The Commission was formed in September following calls to remove the statue of Christopher Columbus from Columbus Circle. **CBS 2 NEWS AT NOON: 11/10** Anchor Chris Wragge reports that New York is offering free tuition to college students from the hurricane affected parts of Puerto Rico. As part of New York's Hurricane Maria Assistance program, New York University announced undergraduate students currently enrolled in college in the storm-ravaged island can apply to attend NYU for free in the spring semester. This program will also include free housing, meal plans and health insurance. The deadline for students to apply is December 15. 12/15 Anchor Chris Wragge reports on a new plan from NJ Transit riders to pay more to get into New York City. Transit Officials claim the surcharge is needed to help pay nearly 13 billion dollars in construction costs for the new Hudson River rail tunnels. The plan calls for a per-trip surcharge for New York bound rail passengers. In 2020 it would be 90 cents and in 2028 it would jump to a dollar seventy and then two dollars in 2038. New York riders will not have to pay a surcharge instead the state would take out a loan and pay it back over several decades.

Under this plan New York and New Jersey would pay half of the cost of the tunnel project. President Trump has not indicated whether he will make the Federal Government pay the other half of the bill as President Obama promised. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00 PM:** 10/25 Anchor Kristine Johnson reports Governor Cuomo announced a new Cancer Initiative today in Staten Island. The health department will try to pinpoint four regions in New York that have higher cancer rates. Researchers will study possible causes of disease in Staten Island. Long Island, Warren County and Erie County. 11/23 Anchor Maurice DuBois reports Laura Curran will take over as Nassau County Executive in January and she is delivering on her campaign promise not to put her name on signs throughout the county. Outgoing executive, Ed Mangano's name is on around 700 hundred signs. The signs cost up to \$80,000 and are expected to cost around \$35,000 to \$40,000 to change the signs and remove Mangano's name. Curran says taxpayers won't have to spend that money when her term ends. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 6:00 PM:** 10/26 Anchor Dana Tyler reports President Trump has declared the Opioid Epidemic a National Public Health Emergency. The president signed an executive order today, allowing the government to redirect resources to fight the drug epidemic. New Jersey Governor Chris Christie was present for the signing in his role as the chair of the president's Opioid Commission. President Trump stated that education is the key to ending the Opioid crisis. More than 64 thousand Americans have died from Opioids last year which included more than 26 hundred in New York, 2,000 in New Jersey and over 900 in Connecticut. **CBS 2 NEWS SATURDAY:** 11/11 Anchor Jessica Moore reports Governor Cuomo signed a package of legislation aimed at helping Veterans. One of the new bills adds Post Traumatic Stress Disorder as a qualifying condition for New York's Medical Marijuana Program. Another provides additional days off for veterans who work for the state of New York so they can receive health screenings and counseling. Veterans honorably discharged will have the Civil Service Examination fee waived. Governor Cuomo also unveiled new license that veterans and military members can now order plates to show off their branch of service.

Education: Topics in this category include: New York's Education Department proposed to do away with a requirement of 180 school day and switch to an hourly system; Bergen County elementary school closed twice in one week due to an odor with no word from school on when it will reopen; A teacher at Secaucus Middle School was awarded 25,000 for receiving the Milken Educator Award and a 3-year-old boy died from an allergic reaction to a sandwich given to him by a pre-school employee.

CBS 2 NEWS THIS MORNING: 12/21 Anchor Chris Wragge reports on New York State Education Department's proposal to do away with a requirement of 180 school days and switch to an hourly system. The new proposal calls for 900 school hours for full day kindergarten and grades on through six.

Grades seven through twelve would have 990 hour requirements. The state's goal is to help school districts work around vacation schedules professional development days and snow days. This new proposal could potentially go into effect before September 1st and could go before the board of regents next year. **CBS 2 NEWS AT NOON:** 12/15 Anchor Chris Wragge reports an elementary school in Bergen County was closed for the second time this week after an odor made students and faculty sick with complaints of stomach aches and nausea. The fire department and hazmat unit said the building was safe and the school reopened but then six teachers got sick at Gantner Avenue Elementary School in Elmwood Park and two of those teachers had to be rushed from the school in ambulances. The superintendent sent out a letter to parents that an independent environmental company was called in to test the air quality today. Parents will be informed later of the results. The school has not announced when it will reopen as of yet. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00 PM:** 11/9 Anchor Kristine Johnson reports the city's Health Department is investigating the death of a 3-year-old boy after he had an allergic reaction to food he ate at a pre-school in Harlem. They claim the boy died after eating a grilled cheese sandwich given to him by a school employee. The parents stated the boy had a severe dairy allergy and the school was aware. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 6:00 PM:** 12/19 Anchor Dana Tyler reports that a teacher in Secaucus, New Jersey is the winning recipient the Milken Educator Award and was awarded 25 thousand dollars. The teacher is part of the faculty at Secaucus Middle School and has wanted to be a teacher since she was in second grade. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 11:00 PM:** 12/18 Anchor Maurice DuBois reports that more than a dozen New York City public schools will be closing which was announced today by the Department of Education. One student advocacy group is blaming the de Blasio administration for the failing schools.

Consumer: Topics in this category include: Apple admitted to using software to slow down older iPhones; 500,000 Diono car seats have been recalled for failing to protect children in a crash and Netflix customers are being warned about an email scam targeting personal information.

CBS 2 NEWS THIS MORNING: 10/27 Anchor Chris Wragge reports on a consumer warning of Marijuana candy to parents prior to Halloween. New Jersey law enforcement and health officials have posted warning signs of the Marijuana candy and other edible forms of the drug on their Facebook page. They have stated there is a significant presence of the candy and other edible forms of the drug in New Jersey and nearby states. Law enforcement is asking parents to check their kids' Halloween candy for unusual packaging such as plastic bags. 10/16 Anchor Dick Brennan reports on the recall of a half-a-million of Diono car seats. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration claim the seats may not adequately protect children in a crash. The recall covers six models: The Radian R100, Radian R120, Radian RXT, Olympia, Pacifica, and Rainier convertible and booster seats. The company which used to be called Sunshine Kids Juvenile will send owners a kit with an energy absorbing pad and a new chest clip at no cost. **CBS 2 NEWS AT NOON:** 10/26 Anchor Chris Wragge reports on a recall of thousands of Fisher Price infant seats.

The recall is for the Soothing Motions Seat and Fisher Price is urging all consumers to stop using it immediately. The infant seat plays nature sounds while it bounces, sways and vibrates to soothe babies. Fisher Price has received 36 reports of the motor overheating and one report of a fire. No injuries have been reported. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00 PM:** 11/15 Anchor Maurice DuBois reports on the worst toys of the season released by the Consumer Safety Group. Fidget spinners are all the rage but the non-profit, World Against Toys Causing Harm claims many come with small parts that can easily become loose or pulled off. Mattel's Wonder Woman Battle Action Sword is made of hard plastic and can cause injuries. Jetts Heel Wheels by Razor are mini-roller skate like devices that get attached to the back of a child's shoes, the product sparks while moving, which the manufacturer warns can cause burns. And, Pull-A-Long Pony's cord is 19 inches long presenting a strangulation hazard. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 6:00 PM:** 12/7 Anchor Kristine Johnson reports on the popular toy this season, Fingerlings by WowWee is urging customers to be cautious of counterfeits as they are on the rise. The company that makes the toy has a warning on their website if you do order Fingerlings online you want to look out for the price and packaging and to look out for the differences in names and errors in spelling. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 11:00 PM:** 11/7 Anchor Dick Brennan reports Netflix customers are being warned about an email scam targeting their personal information. The email tells customers their account is about to be suspended and links them to a fake Netflix page. They are then asked to log in with a credit card and bank account numbers. Netflix posted on its website that its customers should never enter their log in information or provide financial details after following a link in an email or text. 12/21 Anchor Dick Brennan reports Apple admitted to using software to slow down older iPhones. The company said it does this because the aging iPhone batteries can't keep up with demand for power causing shutdowns. Apple is now facing a lawsuit over the practice. The issue can be solved by replacing the battery but if your phone is not under warranty, Apple charges seventy nine dollars for a new one.

Crime: Topics in this category include: a 91-year-old suffered a heart-attack and died after being tied up and robbed in a home invasion in Brooklyn; A 15-year-old student was fatally stabbed in a classroom in the Bronx; Suffolk County District Attorney was indicted on Federal charges and a mother and her two adult children are the suspects behind knife-point robberies at seven businesses in Long Island.

CBS 2 NEWS THIS MORNING: 10/13 Anchor Mary Calvi reports police are searching for a suspect who carved derogatory words onto a family's vehicle in Staten Island. Neighbors were appalled by the crime and created a Go Fund Me page to pay the car owner's insurance deductible. The page raised double the insurance deductible goal of one thousand dollars. 10/23 Anchor Mary Calvi reports a 36-year-old male driver of a rented box truck drove his vehicle into seven other vehicles in Manhattan. The driver is also accused of attacking a firefighter who arrived at the scene of the accident. Nine people were injured and four were critically injured.

The driver is facing charges that include driving while impaired, assault and reckless endangerment. 12/1 Anchor Mary Calvi reports that a janitor from an elementary school in Brooklyn was accused of sexually abusing a teacher. The alleged incident happened on Tuesday afternoon at PS-222 in Marine Park. The 32-year-old janitor was charged with forcible touching, sexual abuse and harassment. The suspect has been suspended without pay. 10/27 Anchor Mary Calvi reports that police have arrested and charged the 34-year-old man responsible for the liquid attack on a 13-year-old girl. The suspect is accused of making an anti-white remark as he allegedly splashed a mystery liquid in the girls' face on her way home from school. The victim had to be treated for burning in her eyes. **CBS 2 NEWS AT NOON:** 11/30 Anchor Chris Wragge reports on the new release of a body-cam video of a deadly police involved shooting in the Bronx this month, released by the NYPD. The video features a 67-year-old male, whom officers repeatedly asked for him to drop the knife he was holding. Prior to the officers asking the suspect to drop his weapon, the suspect had just stabbed two security guards at a facility for formerly homeless people. The suspect was shot after stepping towards the officers. The suspect did have a history of mental health and contacts with police. The Bronx District Attorney's office is investigating the NYPD's use of deadly force. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00 PM:** 10/25 Anchor Maurice DuBois reports Suffolk County District Attorney Spota is indicted on Federal charges. Spota appeared in court this afternoon in Central Islip. Federal prosecutors allege he tried to obstruct the civil rights investigation into the beating of a handcuffed prisoner in 2012. Former Police Chief James Burke was convicted and is serving a 46-month prison sentence. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 6:00 PM:** 10/22 Anchor Dana Tyler reports on a month long crime spree on Long Island that police suspect was a family affair. Police claim a mother and her two adult children are behind the knife-point robberies at seven businesses. 11/7 Anchor Dana Tyler reports on an attempted abduction on a teenage girl in the Mount Eden section of the Bronx. The suspected male in a black car allegedly dragged, punched and threatened the teenager girl before trying to throw her in the trunk of his car. The teenager fought back and was able to get free from the suspect. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 11:00 PM:** 11/6 Anchor Kristine Johnson reports Former Representative, Anthony Weiner began his 21 month prison sentence today for sexting with a minor. Weiner reported this morning to a facility west of Boston for men who need specialized medical or mental health care. After his release from prison he must register as a sex offender. **CBS 2 NEWS SATURDAY:** 10/14 Anchor Cindy Hsu reports on a home invasion that left a 91-year-old dead in Brooklyn but his 100-year-old wife survived. Police suspect the couple may have been targeted for rent money collected from their tenants. **CBS 2 NEWS SUNDAY:** 10/29 Anchor Andrea Grymes reports that a suspect has been charged with in the deadly school stabbing at Urban Assembly School for Wildlife Conservation in the Bronx. The principle there has been removed. The city's Education Department sent out emails and voice messages last night alerting parents. Last month, a 15-year-old male was stabbed to death in a classroom and another teen was injured. Police arrested the suspect, an 18-year-old male for the deadly attack. The suspect claims he had been bullied at the school for years.